

TULSA MAN HELPED TO MOVE OKLAHOMA SEAL

Swiping of the Great Seal of State in 1910 Accomplished in Dead of Night by Langley and Others.

TIED AROUND MAN'S WAIST

Governor Price Tied It, But Langley Tied the Knot and Helped in Plot to Carry Out Haskell's Advice.

Who carried the great seal of the state of Oklahoma from Guthrie and who kept it in his possession after it reached Oklahoma City?

Three or four different stories have been told about the "mysterious" disappearance of the seal from the secretary of state's office in Guthrie on one of those exciting days in 1910 when the citizens of Oklahoma, upon reading their papers each morning, looked first to see if the capital was located in the same city as on the day before.

Newspaper correspondents who were in Guthrie or Oklahoma City at that time knew exactly where the seal was resting and all the particulars of its remarkable "escape" from Guthrie, but since the public is sometimes better satisfied to have the word of others to reinforce the statement of a man who was there, in fact, the statement of the man who "plotted" the kidnapping of the great seal can be taken at its face value.

Fred C. Langley, now auditor in the Tulsa county engineer's office, was in charge of the lease division of the state school land department during the period in which the state was trafficking in capitals. He is one of the very few men holding state positions at that time who will swear that he voted but once on the question of capital removal. At any rate, those were exciting days and in June, 1910, on the night of the election, Governor Haskell was in Tulsa on his way back to Oklahoma City from Muskogee where he had voted. Here in Tulsa, the governor found out that Oklahoma City had "won" the capital election. It is said that he was not at all surprised.

From Tulsa, he telephoned Fred Langley at Oklahoma City instructing him to get the seal of the state at Guthrie and take it to Oklahoma City.

Guthrie was being patrolled by armed men, who had been commissioned by Mayor Farquarson, to prevent the removal of the state records to Oklahoma City. Langley knew that the removal of the seal couldn't be accomplished without trouble. He secured a high powered automobile at Oklahoma City and accompanied by W. B. Anthony, Governor Haskell's secretary and "Governor" Price made a quick drive to Guthrie.

Arriving there late in the evening, they hunted up Earl Keyes, a former Tulsa newspaper man who had the keys to the secretary of state's office and proceeded to the state house. There Keyes took the seal out of the vault and handed it to Langley. In the meantime Price had peeled off his coat and Langley's who had provided himself with some stout cord, ran it through a hole in the lever, tied the cord about Price's waist and suspended the seal from the back.

The seal was hidden beneath Price's trousers. Anthony, Price and Langley then walked out of the building expecting trouble, but since they carried nothing in their hands, the guards permitted them to pass.

Once in their automobile, the driver was told to lose no time in reaching Oklahoma City. About five minutes after their departure, a girl who had been employed as clerk in the secretary of state's office, told the sheriff of Logan county that the seal of the state had been stolen and that the "thieves" were on their way to Oklahoma City. The sheriff set out in pursuit in his high powered automobile, but they were so fast that he couldn't have overtaken that party of official bandits. They were in Oklahoma City, the seal was hidden away in Bill Anthony's desk and the official bandits had eaten their hearts out before the Logan county posse got a fair start.

The seal thereafter remained in the custody of the men close to Governor Haskell with Bill Langley always in possession of the password which led to the seal.

Again on December 31, 1910, Langley figured in a government moving plot. The injunction which had restrained the state officials from removing the state records from Guthrie to Oklahoma City was lifted that day.

On the night of December 31, Langley, who was in Guthrie, received another telephone message from Governor Haskell who was in Oklahoma City on December 31, 1910, to come to Tulsa.

"Fred, I want you to have four records down here in Oklahoma City by Monday morning," the governor told Langley.

"Governor, I don't see how it can be done," Langley replied.

"By God, I want them here Monday morning," Haskell came back. "By God, they'll be there," Langley shouted over the phone.

There wasn't a box or a crate to be had in Guthrie. No one wanted to sell anything which would aid in any way in taking the capital to Oklahoma City. Finally Langley rushed up some tinners and rough crates were made for the records of the school and department.

It developed that other departments of the state government had received the same instructions and when everything was packed no one had taken the trouble to secure any freight cars in which to haul the records to Oklahoma City. Finally Langley hunted out the agent for the Santa Fe railroad.

"I want 14 freight cars, an engine and a caboose to haul the records of the state of Oklahoma to Oklahoma City," he told the agent.

"I'll have them in half an hour," the agent promised.

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Capt. Ralph H. Blake



Capt. Ralph H. Blake of Sapulpa, first killed in the world war by Oklahoma.

Captain Blake is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Blake, prominent Sapulpa, and is one of the best known members of Akard Temple, Tulsa shrine. He is also a member of the Blue lodge at Sapulpa, and a member of the Indian consistory at McAlester, Okla.

Having the honor of being the first man to enlist from Creek county, on May 7, 1917, he entered officers training school at Fort Logan H. root, now camp Pike, at Little Rock, Ark., where he soon won his first lieutenant's bars.

Sailing for France with the first contingent on August 25, 1917, he was the first Oklahoma man, a member of the elite of the elite, to achieve a wound stripe. Struck by a machine gun shell on March 1, 1918, he spent 30 days in a French base hospital as a result.

Returning to the trenches immediately upon being released from the hospital he was made captain for certain acts of conspicuous bravery, and was wounded again. This time by shrapnel on October 1.

Unit for active service because of his wounds, the valiant young officer was detailed to a military school in southern France, where he had been serving his country best by instructing American troops.

It was one of the coldest nights of the winter and Langley says, he suffered and every state employee who was aiding in the task of moving suffered excruciatingly from the cold. It was after midnight when the last car was loaded. Then Langley crawled into the caboose and told the conductor that he was "all set."

The records were in Oklahoma City Monday morning but no one knew where they were to be taken. After some scurrying about, rooms were secured in two office buildings and the old Oklahoma City high school was turned over to the state.

The records of the department of state, state treasurer, board of agriculture, charities and corrections, attorney general and the governor's effects were taken to the high school building.

The records of the courts and attorney general were dumped into the Lawrence building next to the King-kade hotel and the balance were distributed around on the different floors of a building on West Main street. There they remained until the new capitol building was completed.

"I've really seen some very exciting state times in my day," Langley says.

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY WILL OPEN UP HUNTING GROUND

Work on the highway between Tulsa and Hot Springs, via Glenwood-on-the-Caddo, will when completed, open up a happy hunting ground for Oklahoma sportsmen, according to Graham Burnham, of Glenwood, and formerly of Tulsa.

Mr. Burnham says that the hunting and fishing in this country is so good that it should attract Tulsans there for an outing.

In the last issue of the Glenwood News Press Mr. Burnham had the following article:

"A good automobile highway from Tulsa to Hot Springs via Glenwood is taking shape and will be hailed by recreationists with more than passing interest. The Caddo Valley Way, on which work is now being pushed, will make the short route between Tulsa and New Orleans, and link up Camp Pike and Fort Smith junction with the Kansas City-to-Gulf road, and at Glenwood-on-the-Caddo junction with the Highland route of the Hankhead National highway, now being located. Along this scenic route will be the National Forest reserve, in Pike county, with its numerous bass and trout streams and ideal summer recreation spots that are beginning to open up as real competition with Colorado and California, and will eventually be far more popular with Oklahoma by reason of quicker accessibility."

Will Endow Air Force Club. LONDON, Nov. 30.—A Royal Air Force club is shortly to be established and Lord Cowdray has given £500,000 to endow it. He hopes that it will be housed in a building which will be worthy of the service and a memorial of its work in the war.

2 WEALTHY QUAPAWS DEAD FROM ACCIDENT

Whitebird, Boy 15 Years Old Killed By Motorcycle; Redearle Death Caused by Burns from Stove

BAXTER SPRINGS, Kan., Nov. 29.—Next to the Osage Indians the Quapaws are no doubt the wealthiest per capita in Oklahoma. The difference is that the Osages hold their lands and monies in common and set their principal royalties out of crude oil, whereas the Quapaws are individual owners of land or allotments and draw their royalties from lead and zinc. The area occupied by the Quapaws is just south of the Kansas boundary and within a mile and a half of this city. These Indians collect royalties amounting to over a half million dollars annually and the tribe is a small one, one of the remnants that live in the extreme northeastern corner of the state.

It was the discovery of lead and zinc in the Quapaw country, a few years ago, that made many of the tribe wealthy. Prior to this discovery the chief industry was hay making, practically all the acres of the tribe being given over to that with but a small proportion of the land being given over to agriculture. The hay crops brought a very moderate royalty, however, compared with that paid by lead and zinc, and many of the Quapaws like the Indians who live in the Oklahoma oil fields became suddenly rich. The federal government still exercises a guardianship over a great majority of the Quapaws and protects their funds for them, and of this number was James Whitebird, a 15-year-old orphan, whose death from injuries received in a motorcycle accident occurred during the past week.

Whitebird's allotment lies six miles southwest of Baxter and adjoins the town of Picher on the northeast. In fact a portion of his allotment of 160 acres has been platted as an addition to Picher, bringing to him a heavy royalty also. The entire tract is leased for mineral, practically all of it developed, with several ore mills already built and in operation. The royalties obtained from the land make its value very close to \$1,000,000.

Whitebird lived near Lincolnville, a short distance south of Baxter, and attended the historic Catholic seminary there, a school principally for children of Indian blood. While playing at the school several days ago, with other boys, he ran onto a motorcycle, left there by some party, and decided to attempt to ride it. The result was a fall with the machine on top of him, crushing him internally and causing his death soon afterward.

The death of George Redearle, also a Quapaw land owner and a distant relative of Whitebird, followed not long after that of the boy. In fact, Redearle and his wife attended the funeral of young Whitebird and then went to Joplin for the night. In some manner Redearle knocked over a gas stove in his room at a hotel and received burns that resulted in his death within a short time.

Redearle's land lies near Quapaw and Lincolnville and is also under lease for mineral and being developed. Several prominent companies are operating there and several mills have been erected. It is in a portion of the field that is perhaps more productive of lead than zinc, a section also, where the mineral as a rule is found at a shallow depth. For generations the Redearle family has been one of the most prominent in the tribe and two of the Redearle boys are now in the service of their country, one each in the army and navy. The body of George Redearle was embalmed and held a week, waiting the arrival of Don Redearle from an army training camp. The usual tribal funeral ceremonies were done away with in the case of James Whitebird, but were adhered to for Redearle. Whitebird was given a Catholic burial with Rev. Father Wagner of the Catholic seminary in charge, but for Redearle the tribe was out in full force, awarding him all the ceremonies that make an Indian funeral complete.

SECOND-CLASS POSTAGE ZONE RATES MODIFIED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The amendment to the war revenue bill adopted by the senate finance committee providing for new second class postage rates after July 1, next made 50 miles instead of 200 miles the limit for the old one-cent per pound rate, with one and one-half cents a pound applying beyond the 50-mile area.

When the committee yesterday adopted an amendment repealing the present second class zone system and substituting that for one and one-half cents, respectively, Chairman Stanford and other members announced that the one-cent rate would apply within a radius of 200 miles of mailing points. The amendment actually adopted, however, provides that the one-cent rate is applicable only within the fourth class parcel post zone, which is but 50 miles.

Senators said they understood this zone was 200 miles and some correction to meet the general understanding may be made later.

APPOINTMENT OF HOOVER BEFORE ALLIED COUNCIL

By The Associated Press. PARIS, Nov. 30.—The plan for the appointment of Herbert C. Hoover, the American food administrator, as director general of relief in charge of food and relief administration for the European allies and the United States has been given approval. It was learned today by the very highest American authority. It now goes to the supreme war council for determination.

The relief plan involves, besides the appointment of Mr. Hoover, the use of the large passenger ships Imperator, Bismarck and other big steamers in German ports for relief work and to help in securing the return of the American forces in Europe within a comparatively brief period.

AMERICA'S NATIONAL CEMETERY IN FRANCE

Located in a Quiet Spot Just Outside of Paris It Contains the Bodies of Many American Soldiers

On the wooded slope of a steep hill that rises high over a great bend in the river Seine lies a little plot of earth that is as much America as is the National cemetery at Arlington or the hallowed ground of Gettysburg. It is a quiet and peaceful spot, for although Paris is so near, the slender pinnacle of the Eiffel tower is in plain view over the trees—the city is separated from the American cemetery at Suresnes by the green expanse of the Bois de Boulogne. The heart of the city is not five miles away; you would think it at least fifty.

It is a spot far removed from war, and yet there are enough of the counterpoints of war about it to remind the visitor that the seven hundred graves there are the graves of soldiers—mostly of soldiers who died of their wounds on the journey in from the front or at one of the hospitals in or near the capital.

Further up the slope from the ramparts of the fort of Mont Valerien, one in the chain of defense that surround Paris (overhead allied planes fly from field to field, the drone of their motors never as clear as in this quiet countryside. And more warlike still, an occasional cannon shot echoes from a testing ground in the neighborhood.

The little cemetery itself, with its well aligned rows of white wooden crosses, will some day be as green and fair a God's acre as any in France. Even in these frosty fall days the graves are all ahloom, and hardy shrubs add a touch of somber beauty to the little corners and round points.

The round point in the center of the cemetery can tell a story of its own. It represents the forging of one more indissoluble link in the chain of Franco-American friendship. It is the work of an elderly Frenchman of means, assisted by two American privateers. This same Frenchman, not content with the round point, also adopted fifteen graves, which he is caring for himself. Most of the graves have been thus adopted; the rest soon will be. The majority of the graves are of French women of high and low degree.

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Municipal League to Boost Sale of Bonds to Encourage Thrift

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OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 30.—movement to sell municipal and other local bonds to the citizens of the community voting those bonds was started by N. H. Graham of Tulsa at the convention of the Oklahoma municipal league Friday night.

After an address by Mr. Graham who has been a part of the Liberty loan organization of the state, the league passed a motion making the state council of defense, as a reconstruction measure, to investigate means by which the education of people in government securities can be made permanent, and in the future, citizens of Oklahoma will purchase their own bonds instead of sending them to eastern markets.

"By such a plan the spirit of thrift can be kept alive," declared Mr. Graham. "An outlet other than without securities will be provided for the surplus money of the state, and citizens will be made better and more active citizens by becoming real shareholders in their local governments."

The Stars and Stripes, France.

GERMANS TURN OVER GOLD AS DEMANDED

Conditions of Armistice Are Being Complied With as Shown by Report of Reserves in Bank.

BERLIN, Nov. 30.—Gold reserves in the imperial bank of Germany in connection with the obligations undertaken under article 19 of the armistice terms have undergone a reduction of 241,700,000 marks, according to the weekly report of the institution issued November 23. The gold reserves now stand at 2,338,558,000 marks.

Article 19 of the German armistice terms provided for the restitution of the Russian and Rumanian gold yielded to Germany or taken by that power. The gold was to be delivered in trust to the allies until the signature of peace.

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